



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Manabu OUMI et al. :
Serial No. 09/997,484 : Group Art Unit - 2873
Filed: November 21, 2001 : Examiner - David N. Spector
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING :
OPTICAL APERTURE AND :
METHOD OF FABRICATING :
PROBE FOR NEAR FIELD :
LIGHT DEVICE : Docket No. S004-4470

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.